

The Reported Speech

Time Words

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Yesterday	
The day before yesterday	
Last week	
Yesterday morning	
.... Ago	
Tomorrow	
The day after tomorrow	
Next week	
Now	

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These	

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Mike: "I bought those books yesterday ."	<i>Mike said that he'd bought those books the previous day.</i>
Amy: "He ordered me a coffee there three weeks ago ."	<i>Amy said that he'd ordered her a coffee there three weeks before.</i>
George: "I'll watch this film next week."	<i>George said that I'd watch the film the following week.</i>
Pam: "I'm going to meet John at the shopping mall today ."	<i><u>Reported today:</u> Pam said she was going to meet John at the shopping mall today.</i> <i><u>Reported the next day:</u> Pam said she was going to meet John at the shopping mall yesterday.</i>